GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2659
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
IRREGULARITIES IN ICAR
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question NO. 1703 dated August 2, 2000;

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the same is likely to be collected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Parliament Assurance in respect of Question No. 1703 has already been fulfilled vide O.M. No. 10(3)/2000-IU dated 9.3.2001. Copy of the same is enclosed.

No. F. 10-3/2000-IU GOVT. OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARC EDUCATION KRISHI BHAVAN : NEW DELHI

Dated 9th March, 2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Assurance given during the IVth session, 2000 of XIIIth Lok Sabha USQ No.1703 dated 2.8.2000 by Sh. Sheesh Ram Singh Ravi Member of Parliament

Ref: OM No. XIII-IV/Krishi(4) USQ 1703-LS/2000 dated 29.8.2000

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Parliament Assurence cited above. The 15 copies of the Implementation Report (English) in the prescribed proforma are sent herewith. Hindi version will follow shortly.

This has the approval of the Hon`ble Minister of State for Agriculture.

sd/- (G. Chandrashekhar) Under Secretary to Govt. of India Sh. Vijay Khanna, Under Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliament House, New Delhi 110 001

Copy to:-

1. Lok Sabha Sectt., Question Branch, Parliament House Annexue, New Delhi

2. Parliament Section, ICAR

3. sd/-
(G. Chandrashekhar) Under Secretary to Govt. of India

IV SESSION, 2000 of XIII LOK SABHA

DATE OF FULFILLMENT 1.2.2001

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Q. No.	Date	SUBJECT	Promise Made	How Fulfilled	Reasons for delay & Name of M.P.(s)

Unstarred Question No.1703 dated 2.8.2000 by Shri Sheesh Ram Singh Ravi and asking :- `If so, has the matter been examined by now and requisite information collected?` Considerable time was consumed in gathering the required information/ details for further verification and appropriate action at ICAR Headquarters.	IRREGULARITIES IN ICAR While referring to the Unstarred Question No. 4815 being dated 26.4.2000 regarding purchase of item without inviting tenders	`The The requsite information is still fulfilled vide this office OM No.10-2/2000-IU dated 8.3.2001. A copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure A.	Parliament Assurance to the USQ No. 4815 has been collected` Centres/Proj-	ICAR has more than 100 Institutes/National Research ect Directorates located through the length and breadth of India and Information/ details were to be collected from the various units.	

No. F. 10-2/2000-IU Annexure `A`

GOVT. OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION
KRISHI BHAVAN : NEW DELHI

Dated 8th March , 2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Assurance given during the IIIrd session, 2000 of XIIIth Lok Sabha USQ No. 4815 dated 26.4.2000 by Sh. Sheesh Ram Singh Ravi Member of r- dated 8.6.2000. A rates located Singh Ravi purchases without mation is copy of the same is through the inviting tender being enclosed as length and and asking :- collected Annexure I breadth of

a) if the comments India. The
have since been (g) As per the Assu- Information
collected from the rance given to the regarding
institute concerned; House, the detailed involvement of
b) have the coments comments from the 9 ICAR units in
have been examined Research Institutes, such purchases
and verified from involving 7 purchase was not readily
the records; cases where Open available.
c) if so, the Tenders were not Therefore, the
details thereof; invited and 39 purchase matter was
d) has any action cases where purchase taken up to
been taken in the was made from other ascertain the
matter than lowest tenderers, names of the
e) if so, the were collected. These particular
details thereof; cases were further Institutes and
f) if not, the examined by the break-up of
reasons therefor; and concerned Subject cases involved
g) the details of Matter Divisions at in the matter.
such other cases ICAR Hqrs. Hence, a consi-
taking place in this derable time
Ministry and offices/ On examination of the was consumed
institute under it cases of not inviting in gathering
including those where open tenders it has the required
items were not been observed that in information/

purchased from the lowest bidder in the tender with action taken in all those cases?	6 cases the provisions of General Financial Rules were not followed Appropriate action has Already been initiated	details for further verification and appropriate	
for fixing responsibility in these cases. Similarly, out of 39 cases of purchase from other than lowest tenderers, in 3 cases the justifications given by the Institutes were not found to be acceptable and appropriate action has already been intiated for fixing responsibility. In one case the order was not placed with the lowest tenderer as the firm had not honoured two orders placed with him in the past. Similarly, in one case the order was placed with the higher tenderer in view of the urgency of the work and the fact that the lowest tenderer expressed his inability to complete the work within due date. In the remaining cases the purchase was made from higher tenderers for valid technical reasons.	action at ICAR headquarters		

No. F. 10-2/99-IU(Vol II) Annexure I
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION
KRISHI BHAVAN : NEW DELHI

Dated 8th June, 2000

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Assurance given during the IInd session of XIIIth Lok Sabha USQ No. 3215 dated 17.3.99 from Sh. Ravinder Kumar Pandey Member of Parliament

Ref: OM No. IV/Krishi(17)US-3215-LS/99 dated 7.4.998

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Parliament Assurence cited above.

The 15 copies of the Implementation Report (both English and Hindi) in the prescribed proforma are sent herewith.

This has the approval of the Hon`ble Minister of State for Agriculture.

sd/-

(R.P. SAROJ)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India

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IV SESSION, 1999 of XII LOK SABHA

Date of Fulfillment - 8.6.2001

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Q. No. Date & Name of M.P.(s)	SUBJECT	Promise Made	How Fulfilled	Reasons for delay
Unstarred Question 3215 dated 17.3.99 from Shri Ravinder Kumar Pandey	Purchases without inviting tenders (a) Whether Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Indian Agricultural Statistical Research Institute, other such institutes have made purchases of various items worth 1.30 crore of rupees without inviting open tender; appropriate	(b & c) The detailed comments from the concerned Institutes are being collected. After thorough examination of the reply and verification of the records, action will be taken.	As per the assurance given to the House, the detailed comments from the Directors/Vigilance Officers of 8 Research Institutes, Involving 35 purchase cases amounting to Rs. 1.30 crore approx), were collected. These comments were further examined by concerned Subject Matter Divisions at ICAR Hqrs. On examination it has been observed that in Many cases the provisions of General Financial Rules were not followed. However to ascertain in some cases the justifications given for not inviting open tenders are not readily available. Therefore, the matter was taken up with the names of the particular Institutes and	ICAR has more Than 100 Institutes/National Reserch Centres/Project Directorates located through the length and breadth of India. The information regarding involvement of ICAR units in such purchases was
(b) If so, the reasons for this illegal purchase without inviting tenders; and				
(c) the action taken/ proposed to be taken against the officers found guilty of				

violating purchase rules?

Out of 35 cases, in 15 cases where the GFR provisions were grossly violated, the action has been taken/initiated against the officials for fixing the responsibility.

In addition to above, in 9 cases the action for fixing the responsibility could not be initiated as the officers involved have already been retired/ expired. Similarly, in 2 cases warnings have been issued to the concerned Institutes/ officials and in 5 cases the detailed instructions have been issued to the concerned Institutes.

In the remaining 4 cases no action has been taken as these purchases were made under the provisions of General Financial Rules.

In addition to above, the ICAR issued instructions on 12.4.99 in which all the Institutes/ National Research Centres/ Project Directorates were instructed to strictly follow the purchase procedure/rules laid down in GFR/ ICAR Audit Manual.

covered under the exceptions provided under para 36 of the Annexure referred to in Rule 102(1) of GFR.

Consumed in co-relating the matter and arranging the required information.

break-up of cases involved in the matter. Hence a considerable time was